

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3295–S3384

Measures Introduced: Nine bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3320–3328. **Page S3358**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 511, commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifices made by the Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers who have been killed or injured in the line of duty.

S. 714, to establish the National Criminal Justice Commission, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3358**

Measures Passed:

Haiti Economic Lift Program Act: Senate passed H.R. 5160, to extend the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, to provide customs support services to Haiti, clearing the measure for the President.

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Measures Considered:

Restoring American Financial Stability Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of S. 3217, to promote the financial stability of the United States by improving accountability and transparency in the financial system, to end “too big to fail”, to protect the American taxpayer by ending bailouts, to protect consumers from abusive financial services practices, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S3296–S3353**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 132), Tester Amendment No. 3749 (to Amendment No. 3739), to require the Corporation to amend the definition of the term “assessment base”. **Pages S3296–99**

Cantwell Modified Amendment No. 3786 (to Amendment No. 3739), to provide the Commodity Futures Trading Commission with clear antimarket manipulation authority. **Pages S3347–49**

Cardin/Grassley Amendment No. 3840 (to Amendment No. 3739), to provide whistleblower protections for employees of nationally recognized statistical rating organizations. **Pages S3349–50**

Rejected:

By 38 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 133), Shelby Amendment No. 3826 (to Amendment No. 3739), to establish a Division of Consumer Financial Protection within the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. **Pages S3296, S3305–11, S3327–28**

By 35 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 135), Ensign Amendment No. 3898 (to Amendment No. 3733), to amend the definition of the term “financial company” for purposes of imposing limits on nondeposit liabilities. **Pages S3350–52**

By 33 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 136), Brown (OH) Amendment No. 3733 (to Amendment No. 3739), to impose leverage and liability limits on bank holding companies and financial companies. **Pages S3350, S3352–53**

Pending:

Reid (for Dodd/Lincoln) Amendment No. 3739, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3296**

Sanders/Dodd Modified Amendment No. 3738 (to Amendment No. 3739), to require the non-partisan Government Accountability Office to conduct an independent audit of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System that does not interfere with monetary policy, to let the American people know the names of the recipients of over \$2,000,000,000,000 in taxpayer assistance from the Federal Reserve System. **Pages S3328–46**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 61 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. 134), Senate agreed to the motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators. **Page S3346**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, May 7, 2010; provided further, that the next amendment in order be a Democratic side-by-side to the McCain GSE amendment. **Page S3384**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

Larry Robinson, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere. **Page S3384**

Messages from the House:

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Quorum Calls:

One quorum call was taken today. (Total—3)

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—136) **Pages S3299, S3327–28, S3346, S3351, S3352**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:17 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, May 7, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3384.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: INTERAGENCY PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Interagency Partnership for Sustainable Communities, after receiving testimony from Ray LaHood, Secretary of Transportation; and Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Eric H. Holder, Jr., Attorney General, and Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, both of the Department of Justice.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND THE FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Au-

thorization request for fiscal year 2011 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, Vice Admiral John Terence Blake, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources, and Lieutenant General George J. Flynn, Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration, and Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, all of the Department of Defense.

BUILDING A HIGH-TECH WORKFORCE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine competition in America, focusing on building a high-tech workforce, after receiving testimony from David Zaslav, Discovery Communications, Silver Spring, Maryland; Susan Naylor, Wood County Schools, Parkersburg, West Virginia; S. James Gates, Jr., University of Maryland Physics Department Center for String and Particle Theory, College Park; Ioannis Miaoulis, Museum of Science, Boston, Massachusetts; and Tom Luce, National Math and Science Initiative, Dallas, Texas.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

H.R. 934, to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands;

H.R. 3689, to provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. to establish a Vietnam Veterans Memorial visitor center;

S. 3099, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the American Falls Reservoir;

S. 3100, to reinstate and extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project involving the Little Wood River Ranch; and

The nominations of Philip D. Moeller, of Washington, and Cheryl A. LaFleur, of Massachusetts, both to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and Jeffrey A. Lane, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs.

WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Water Resources Development Act of 2010, focusing on